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TAGS: SENV, CA

SUBJECT: U.S. TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT

REF: STATE 79926

1. DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS APPRECIATED EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENT (REFTEL) AND FORWARDED THEIR COMMENT TO REACH EPA BY JUNE 1.

2. LETTER FROM EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (A.R. BOYD, DIRECTOR, SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION) MAY 31 EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT IMPOSITION OF HIGHLY COMPLEX REGULATIONS COULD HAVE UNINTENTIONAL ADVERSE EFFECTS ON BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN CANADA AND U.S. AND SUGGESTS FULL CONSULTATIONS ON BILATERAL TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW LEGISLATION BEFORE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO IMPORTS ARE IMPLEMENTED.

3. TEXT EXTAFF LETTER (BEING POUCHED) FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY YOU HAVE GIVEN US TO COMMENT ON YOUR DRAFT "APPROACH TO IMPLEMENTING THE UNCLASSIFIED

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TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT".

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES THAT UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE ACT, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS TO MAKE AVAILABLE PERTINENT INFORMATION TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING CHEMICALS THAT ARE TO BE EXPORTED TO SUCH FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO THE TOXIC SUBSTANCES

CONTROL ACT.

THE STRATEGY DOCUMENT STATES THAT THE EPA WILL ESTABLISH, BY THE END OF 1977, A PRE-MARKET REVIEW SYSTEM FOR CONSIDERING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ACCEPTABILITY OF ALL NEW COMMERCIAL CHEMICALS. THIS WILL INVOLVE A GENERATION OF SUITABLE TEST PROTOCOLS. SINCE CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES ARE ALSO CONCERNED WITH THE TOXIC POTENTIAL IN THE ENVIRONMENT OF NEW CHEMICALS, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF TEST REQUIREMENTS WERE ESTABLISHED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

OFFICIALS OF OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALREADY INITIATED DISCUSSION ON A NEW ACT ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES. THESE EXCHANGES HAVE BEEN FRANK AND PRODUCTIVE AND WE HOPE THAT THEY WILL BE PURSUED INTO THE AREAS WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN COVERED. WHILE THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA SHARES THE CONCERN OF THE U.S.A. GOVERNMENT FOR PROTECTION OF HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT, THERE IS CONCERN THAT THE IMPOSITION OF HIGHLY COMPLEX REGULATIONS COULD HAVE UNINTENTIONAL ADVERSE EFFECTS ON BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES, THEREFORE, THAT FULL CONSULTATIONS ON THE BILATERAL TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW LEGISLATION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BEFORE ANY COMPLEX REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO IMPORTS ARE IMPLEMENTED.

WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS WHICH MAY BE ISSUED SUBSEQUENTLY
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FROM TIME TO TIME UNDER THE ACT.

END TEXT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST INFORMATION ON WHICH TO
BASE REPLY TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. ENDERS

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